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MEMORANDUM

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To: Interested Parties

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RE: Announcement of Express Review Program Changes

The Division of Water Quality's Aquifer Protection Section has updated the procedures to its Express Review Program. Attached you will find the *Guide to the Aquifer Protection Section Express Review Program for Non-Discharge Permits*. This guide provides an in depth explanation of all changes to the Express Review Program.

In brief, the Express Review Program has eliminated the fax machine request method, and now utilizes an electronic request form (FORM: APSERPR 02-06 enclosed). Available Express Review Tracks are now opened individually to the public online, therefore doing away with the need to fax requests beginning at 8:00 am on the first business day of the month. Opening Tracks on an individual basis will provide each Applicant more opportunities to successfully enter the Express Program and will also give Express Review Staff more flexibility in the scheduling process. A listserve (lau.expressreview@ncmail.net) has also been created to notify subscribers of upcoming online availability.

The *Guide* also clearly explains the Program's ability for the Staff to set acceptance criteria to Express Review Tracks based on permit type, region, project size, etc. Utilizing these criteria enables the Express Staff to more effectively manage the Program, and to increase the number of projects accepted each month. In no way will Express Staff restrict available Tracks to prevent acceptance of a specific project.

The Express Review webpage has also been updated to show all future and current express review projects. In addition, the enclosed *Guide* and flow chart clearly explain how a project is either accepted or denied, and how a project is permitted or returned.

Once all the attached documents have been reviewed, please feel free to contact me at (919) 715-6160 or at nathaniel.thornburg@ncmail.net with any questions or comments. As always, any suggestions to improve the program are welcome.

Enclosures: Guide to the Aquifer Protection Section Express Review Program for Non-Discharge Permits

FORM: APSERPR 02-06 FORM: ERAA 02-06

Aquifer Protection Section Express Review Program Flow Chart

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